

Riversprings Middle School

Summer Reading 2011



Students often lose ground academically during summer months. Reading can help prevent this loss. The Summer Reading Program is designed to challenge, motivate and engage students to help them get the practice research shows they need during their time away from school.

How Does It Work?

Students will read the book listed for their **upcoming** grade, complete the response sheet, and turn it in to their reading teacher when they return in August. At that time, students will also take an AR test on the book they read. Grade/credit for this assignment will be posted in their reading class. (Completing the response sheet will also assist students in reviewing to pass the AR test.) This book will count towards students' AR goal as well as their personal "words-read" count goal. Teachers may also use the assigned book to teach lessons during the first 2 to 3 weeks of class.

Grade level books:

- Grade 6 - The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo by Jean Craighead George
- Grade 7 - Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
- Grade 8 - Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

In addition, students are encouraged to read any of the **2011-2012** Sunshine State Young Reader Award books which are listed on the back of this sheet. Students complete a book response form for each book read and can take an AR test on the book to add to their AR goal and word count.

Additional book response sheets can be printed from the school website:

<http://www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/rms/>

What Do You Need to Do?

1. Encourage your child to participate in the Summer Reading Program.
2. Obtain a copy of the required book.
 - **Books are available to be checked out from the school office** or purchase them from Amazon.com, local bookstores, or possibly Walmart. Share with a friend.
 - You may visit the public library but realize that copies will be limited due to budget constraints.
3. Follow-up with your student to assure that he/she is reading the book.
4. Have your child complete the book response form (available from the school website and in the school's main office).
5. Encourage your child to read additional books from the Sunshine State Young Reader Award List. Set a reading goal for the summer.

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Book List for 2011-2012

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

The Prince of Fenway Park by Julianna Baggott

In the fall of 2004, twelve-year-old Oscar Egg is sent to live with his father in a strange netherworld under Boston's Fenway Park, where he joins the fairies, pooka, banshee, and other beings that are trapped there, waiting for someone to break the eighty-six-year-old curse that has prevented the Boston Red Sox from winning a World Series.

Flawed Dogs: The Novel: The Shocking Raid on Westminster by Berkeley Breathed

After being framed by a jealous poodle, a dachshund is left for dead, but comes back with a group of mutts from the National Last Ditch Dog Depository to disrupt the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club dog show and exact revenge on Cassius the poodle.

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Dark Life by Kat Falls

When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.

Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story by Tonya Hegamin and Marilyn Nelson

As fifteen-year-old Pemba adjusts to leaving her Brooklyn, New York, home for small-town Connecticut, a Black history researcher helps her understand the paranormal experiences drawing her into the life of a mulatto girl who was once a slave in her house.

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Alibi Junior High by Greg Logsted

After thirteen-year-old Cody and his father, an undercover agent, are nearly killed, Cody moves in with his aunt in Connecticut, where he is helped with his adjustment to the trials of attending public school for the first time and investigating a threat in nearby woods by a wounded Iraq War veteran.

The Day of the Pelican by Katherine Paterson

In 1998 when the Kosovo hostilities escalate, thirteen-year-old Meli's life as an ethnic Albanian, changes forever after her brother escapes his Serbian captors and the entire family flees from one refugee camp to another until they are able to immigrate to America.

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Indians who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.

Bystander by James Preller

Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.

Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world. Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival by Arthur G. Slade

Many of Newton Starker's ancestors, including his mother, have been killed by lightning strikes, so when he enrolls at the eccentric Jerry Potts Academy of Higher Learning and Survival in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, he tries to be a model student so that he can avoid the same fate.

Killer Pizza by Greg Taylor

While working as summer employees in a local pizza parlor, three teenagers are recruited by an underground organization of monster hunters.

Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Through letters to his little sister, who is living in a different foster home, sixth-grader Lonnie, also known as "Locomotion," keeps a record of their lives while they are apart, describing his own foster family, including his foster brother who returns home after losing a leg in the Iraq War.